JUNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Atty Dkt. 461-52 In re Patent Application of C# M# YAMAGUCHI et al TC/A.U. 1732 Examiner: Staicovici Serial No. 09/853,028 May 11, 2001 Date: September 23, 2004 Filed: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING CERAMIC HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE AND Title: DEVICE FOR FORMING THROUGH HOLES Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. □ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number previously paid for (at least 20) = Х \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 7 Independent claims after amendment minus highest number (at least 3) =\$ 0.00 previously paid for 0 Х \$ 86.00 \$ 0.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this \$ paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) 950.00 \$ Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) \$ 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered , filed Submission attached Subtotal \$ 950.00 -\$ 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith \$ Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) 0.00 \$ 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) Other: 0.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 950.00

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## **AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, kindly enter the following amendment and remarks.